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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a govern-
ment of the people, by the people, for the people, whose
just powers are derived from the consent of the governed;
a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many
sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable,
established upon those principles of freedom, equality, jus-
tice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed
their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty
to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to
obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against
all enemies.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

ONE of the many rumors regarding the beginning of
the mutiny in the German navy which was the signal
for the collapse of the German nation, even before
the German army was actually beaten, is to the effect that
it followed promptly upon the receipt of an order for the
high seas fleet to sail forth and give battle to the grand
fleet of the allies. It probably is not true, but it serves to
call attention to the fact that even to the end the German
navy did nothing that naval traditions require.

The German navy should have made an attack at the
beginning of the great German offensive last March. But
the policy of caution which prevailed at naval headquarters
from the very beginning held true at that stage too, and
long before it was certain that the Germans would not
reach either Paris or the channel ports it was too late to
expect the German navy to accomplish anything valuable
in a military way by coming out and fighting in the open.

But the moral value of such an effort would have been
incalculable. Even if the fleet had been wiped out the
German people would have been able to feel that their
naval force had been capable of heroic courage. They
could have pointed to it with a certain pride. As the
matter stands the record made by the German navy is
about as despicable as any all naval history holds.

Some brilliant individual raiding records were made.
The early clash off the Falkland islands was all that any
proud people could ask for, even though it did end in
German defeat. The Jutland battle also created a fine
impression, although it was marred by the use of gas shells
by the German gunners. But taken as a whole the German
navy is a contemptible thing, and hereafter the German
flag will not inspire much respect in any part of the world.

THE GERMAN APPEAL AND THE JOKER.

GERMAN women are not appealing to American
women to supply them with shiploads of free food.
Read their appeal. It is for the release of railway
cars and locomotives to be surrendered to the allied pow-
ers under the armistice terms.

The German women argue that unless these cars and
engines are left in German hands food supplies cannot be
brought from German farms to German towns and cities
for distribution, in which case starvation is likely for hun-
dreds of thousands half-famished on that scientific war diet
which we were told a while back was such a good thing
for the overfed peoples of the world.

The long four year war taught us all that you can't
trust anything that comes out of Germany. It's all
camouflage. Nothing is true, nothing is holy, nothing has
good faith.

What coming scheme is behind this appeal of the Ger-
man women, an appeal sent to America, ignoring Com-
mander-in-Chief Foch?

The cars and locomotives requisitioned from Germany
by the terms of the armistice are the same cars and loco-
motives that moved German troops from front to front and
up and down the lines in bewildering numbers and with
bewildering speed all through the war. The same cars
and locomotives that carried to the millions of German
troops their enormous supplies of food, clothing, camp
equipment, ammunition and guns. The same cars and
locomotives that hauled from France and Belgium and
Russia huge loads of lumber, coal and iron ore to make
shells and guns and airplanes. The same that bore billions
of dollars worth of loot from invaded territories back into
Germany.

These cars and locomotives did not carry food from the
farms to the towns for four years, and yet the populace

didn't starve. Where are the cars and engines that per-
formed that service for four years?

The allied war council that dictated the terms of the
armistice also adopted a resolution to provision Germany
against starvation this winter.

President Wilson in his speech to Congress said that the
allies and Americans are already organizing to feed Ger-
many as they organized to feed Belgium.

Herbert Hoover is today en route to Europe to start this
humanitarian work. If he finds that those cars and loco-
motives are needed in his task you can depend on it that he'll
get them. Enough said.

Some day we may forget how tickled were the German
people—women included—when the Lusitania was carried
down with its precious burden of our women and babies.
Some day we may forget the pleasurable thrills the people
of Germany felt when hundreds of women and children
were blown to bits in London and Paris by Zeppelins.

But we're not chumps enough to be taken in any more
more by German propaganda and cunning. We're not
quite certain what's the game in this locomotive-and-car
appeal, but we know it's a trick.

Both Paris and London are expect-

ing to see President Wilson pretty
soon.

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to the women who did so much to help save the nation.

The United War Work drive will end here tonight if
present plans are carried out. It has been an uphill
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Colonel House, we mean.

The other colonel, of course, would
take advantage of such a situation to
shoot up the town.

Ads say Irv Cobb is the greatest hu-
morist and the foremost war corre-
spondent.

Sounds like an order of raw oysters
with sugar on 'em.

Or a solution of oil and vinegar.

But at that Irv's worth the price
of admission.

He's the jolliest war correspondent
and the fattest humorist.

And that's a combination that drives
away the blues at any time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PERSONAL PUNISHMENT DE-
MANDED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—[Editor The
West Virginian.]—There must be per-
sonal punishment for the supercrim-
inals of this war. They must be
brought before an international Tri-
bunal, tried for definite violations of
International Law (like the ravishing
of Belgium, the sinking of the Lusitania,
the bombing of Red Cross hospi-
tals, the starving and brutalizing of
helpless civilians on land and sea) and
sentenced to personally pay the
clearly provided penalties for these
crimes, so that posterity may never
forget their wickedness. Napoleon
Bonaparte was personally punished
for his crime. Charles Stuart was
personally punished. Nicolas Romanoff
has been personally punished. And
now William Hohenzollern must be
personally punished.

No money indemnities, no territorial
adjustments, no overthrow of Prus-
sian autocracy can relieve their arch-
criminal and his guilty advisors from
their personal responsibility for this
war and its hideous consequences.
They must suffer in their own bodies
for their own sins. The deed would
rise from their graves on the battle-
field of these monsters of cruelty and
rapacity escape personal punishment.

I believe that an overwhelming ma-
jority of American citizens will cry
out in horror against any peace that
does not provide adequate personal
punishment for those who deliberately
by their own acts brought upon the
world the greatest misery mankind
has ever known.

Very truly yours,
CLEVELAND MOFFETT,
Member Board of Trustees, American
Defense Society.

VOTERS RATIFIED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Appropriation Bills Will Be
Passed For the Next
Legislature.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 18.—
The budget amendment to the West
Virginia state constitution, ratified by
the voters in the last election, will be-
come effective as soon as the ratifica-
tion has been officially proclaimed by
the governor, and will become opera-
tive for the making of appropriations
by the next legislature, which meets
in January.

Governor Cornwell has announced
that as soon as the official returns
from the election have been certified
to him by the secretary of state he
will issue his proclamation. He will
then call upon the state board of con-

rol to secure special reports from all
the state institutions, setting forth
their requirements for the next two
years and embody these in a report
to the state board of works.

He will then call a meeting of the
board of public works, of which he is
chairman, for the purpose of consid-
ering the report from the board of
control and the making up of the
budgets for each of the two years
which are to be provided for by the
next legislature—the fiscal years of
1919 and 1920—together with the
sources of income for those two years.

After these budgets have been pre-
pared, it will be the duty of the board
of public works to draft an appropria-
tion bill which shall fix a maximum
limit for all the regular appropriations,
but a copy of this bill shall be intro-
duced in each house on or before the
tenth day of the legislative session.

The legislature may not increase
any of these appropriations; neither
may it introduce any new items in
of public works to draft an appropria-
tions; but in doing that it must at the
same time provide special revenues to
take care of them.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)

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COURTNEYS' STORE NEWS

Reliable Advertising

The Handsomest Coats—Your Money can buy Charming Beyond Description!

Shop Now!

There are always
some gifts which one
cannot buy until later,
but the bulk of your
Christmas shopping
should be done NOW!
Our store is ready to
serve you with big
stocks of serviceable
gift-things. The later
day crowds are absent
now, stocks are com-
plete and shopping a
pleasure. Later on it
will not be so easy.

Don't wait another
day! Make out your
Christmas list and buy
your presents NOW!
By so doing you'll not
only be helping your-
self but you'll be help-
ing your government,
too.

Undoubtedly it will
also help to hasten our
boys' return!

Neckwear A Timely Gift Suggestion

Neckwear in the daintiest
and most charming of styles
—to every woman and that
will long remain a pleasant
reminder of their donor
Wide assortments assure sat-
isfactory choice. Moderate
prices assure good values.
Don't wait until the last
minute—Buy NOW!

True Values

You Probably Want A New Coat



The Holiday season
is near at hand and
you'll want to look your
best in your daily ap-
pearance upon the
streets and at the spe-
cial affairs attendant
upon the season.

So we urge you to
see this splendid line
we are now showing.

A wide Range of Popular Prices

Here are single cloth coats—others richly trimmed
with fur—still others of plush and fur-fabrics. Every
popular model is represented. When you see these
coats—inspect them and compare you'll agree with us
that the price you are asked here—IS A FAIR PRICE
ALWAYS! You'll find the range complete in colors
Fabrics and sizes, all the way from

\$16.75 to \$100.00

The Smartness of
These Georgette
Blouses
is heightened by the
dainty touches the
makers have seen fit to
lavish on them.
\$5.75 to \$12.50.

Satisfaction With
Every Fur You
Buy Here!
And they are real
gifts. Having bought
them early we can of-
fer most attractive
prices.

Home baked Pies and Pastries. Boy-
er's Restaurant.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.
The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U.
will be held on Tuesday afternoon
at 2:30 o'clock at the Library parlors.
Members are urged to attend.

Guests at Shadyside.
Paul Hamond who is located on
Government works at Pittsburgh spent
the week end with his parents, Judge
and Mrs. W. S. Hamond at Shadyside.
He was accompanied by two guests,
Lieut. F. M. Hawley, and Lloyd Dugan,
both of whom are engaged on the
air plane works at the Union
Switch and Signal Company at Swiss-
vale. They all left last evening for
Huttonsville, W. Va., to spend several
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